

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 – 6 are presented for examination.

In Paragraphs 1 - 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that applicant has not filed certified copies of the priority documents Israel Patent Application No. 127,093 and Patent Application No. 127,869. Accordingly, applicant hereby claims priority from the above Israel patent applications. Certified copies of these documents were filed with the parent application US Serial NO. 09/313,067.

In Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, claims 1 - 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Erickson, U.S. Patent No. 5,765,152 ("Erickson").

Distinctions between Claimed Invention and U.S. Patent No. 5,765,152 to Erickson

The present invention concerns copy protection of digital images stored on a server computer and available for viewing over the Internet. A remote administration tool provides an explorer-type interface for an administrator to set protection status of digital image files. Specifically, as disclosed in the present specification and as illustrated in the user interface of FIG. 13, protection manager 128 (FIG. 1) in remote computer 130 controls protection status of digital image files 108 and 110 resident on server computer 100. Steps 412 – 434 (FIG. 4) disclose computer 130 receiving a site map of folders and files from the file system of computer 100, selecting by a user of computer 130 at least one folder or file, and editing the at least one folder or file's protection status. After setting protection status for selected files, computer 130 sends the protection statuses to server computer 100, which enforces the protection (original specification / page 15, line 18 – page 17, line 10; protection manager 128 of FIG. 1 and the discussion thereof at page 20, lines 7 – 14; FIG. 3 and the discussion thereof at page 22, line 25 – page 24, line 21; FIG. 4 and the discussion thereof at page 24,

line 22 – page 27, line 2; user interface illustrated in FIG. 13 and the discussion thereof at page 41, line 16 – page 42, lines 22).

Erickson concerns copyright management of digital media. Copyright protected media is stored within a document container that includes a minimum set of permissions granted, such as permission to view an image, for accessing the media. A user can obtain auxiliary permissions, such as permission to save, modify and print the image, through an authorization server that controls licenses to the media (Erickson / col. 2, lines 18 – 44).

Unlike Erickson, which operates on individual documents, the present invention operates on an entire file system. In particular, the document PACKAGER of Erickson only sets permissions for an individual document currently being worked on within the PACKAGER, and does not include selection of a list of files for setting protection status. Moreover, Erickson does not describe sending and receiving a site map of folders and files within a computer file system from a server computer to a remote management computer.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites Erickson, col. 22, lines 4 – 23, as disclosing displaying a list of files. Applicant respectfully submits that the DOCUMENT-packaged source works in Erickson do not refer to separate files, but instead refer to derivative works encapsulated within a single document, in the sense of copyright. Specifically, at col. 11, line 65, Erickson recites *“The Source Works Extension 24 provides a bibliographic record, or ‘persistence,’ of copyright uses through generation of derivative work ... For example, information about successive derivative authors of the DOCUMENT 20 are stored sequentially as a Source Works Extension 24. By way of another example, one Source Work Extension 24 can include the release information for any performer whose image or audio likeness appears in the current DOCUMENT.”*

In order to further distinguish between the present invention and Erickson, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 4 so as to include the limitation of a site map of folders and files within a server computer file system.

The rejections of claims 1 - 6 in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action will now be dealt with specifically.

As to amended independent method claim 1, applicant respectfully submits that the limitations in claims 1 of:

“displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system”, and

“generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site map”,

are neither shown nor suggested in Erickson.

Because claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and include additional features, applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 3 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Erickson.

Accordingly claims 1 - 3 are deemed to be allowable.

As to amended independent system claim 4, applicant respectfully submits that the limitations in claim 4 of:

“a user interface displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system”, and

“a protection status manager generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the list of files”,

are neither shown nor suggested in Erickson.

Because claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4 and include additional features, applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 6 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Erickson.

Accordingly claims 4 - 6 are deemed to be allowable.

Support for Amended Claims in Original Specification

Independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to include a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system. Such a site map is described in the original specification at page 25, lines 4 – 7, and at steps 412 and 414 of FIG. 4, and is shown in the user interface illustrated in FIG. 13.

Dependent claims 2 and 5 have been amended to be consistent with the amended language in claims 1 and 4, respectively.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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